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## Today's Weather.

Western Oregon and Western Washington, Wednesday, occasional rain.  
 Eastern Oregon and Washington, cloudy to partly cloudy with showers.

## COUNCIL REVIEW.

After the trials and tribulations attending the defeat of the Tuttle charter bill the common council has awakened from its lethargy and is getting down to actual business. The meeting Monday night was characterized by the passage of two commendable ordinances that will be a benefit to the city and whose operations will be appreciated by the public.

The ordinance providing for a street cleaning department introduced by Councilman Kaboth has long been needed in the city. It does not look just the proper caper to see woman wading through mud in the streets with gum boots on. The streets are not the proper receptacle for tin cans, old shoes, wood piles or garbage. They are all disease breeders and were it not for the pure salt air blowing in from the ocean, Astoria would be one of the most unhealthy cities on the coast. Because our forefathers imitated the swine and enjoyed wallowing in filth, is no reason why their paternity should not have more exalted ideas of cleanliness. If the ladies could only find time from the cares of bridge whist and poker to devote a little time to making suggestions as to beautifying the city, it would be but a short time until Astoria would be one of the most beautiful cities on the coast.

The ordinance providing for licensing the bill boards and providing that they be not allowed fastened to the roadway or sidewalk, but if they are allowed to exist they must be fastened on posts driven into the ground away from the streets, will result in the removal of these unsightly nuisances from the streets. One councilman claimed to have traveled considerable and had always noticed bill boards. If he would read the newspapers he would find that in every city in the east, bill boards have been prohibited, and the common council of Portland has just passed an ordinance absolutely prohibiting bill boards and ordering all those now existing to be removed.

The communication from A. R. Cyrus, offering to pay his street assessments on property owned by him, provided the council would knock off the penalty and interest, should not be considered for a moment. To grant the request would be giving him better terms than has been accorded to others. Everyone else, living on the same street, paid their assessments, and those that took advantage of the installment, paid penalty and interest. Why should one man who has not paid his assessments for four or five years be granted any such concessions? It is not treating other property owners right. One has paid the assessments, while the other has kept the money and had the use of it for four years. It is setting a bad precedent. If people can refuse to pay their street assessments and keep the city out of the money that it is justly entitled to, why cannot others do the same thing. The result of this would be that no one would pay his assessments. If they can refuse to pay them and have the use of their money for three or four years they will invariably do so. Another thing, the common council has no legal authority to grant any such requests. Either every delinquent must pay the penalty and interest, or none should pay it. You can't make fish of one and fowl of another. This is a case of pleading the baby act and the common council should establish a precedent by setting down on all such applications and they will have no trouble in the future.

The report of the committee amending the street improvement ordinance providing for the use of hemlock lumber in the improvement of streets will build up an important industry in Clatsop county and furnish lumber that is far superior and will last longer and be cheaper in the end for property

owners, for it is a well known fact that hemlock is better for all kinds of street work than yellow fir. There are millions of feet of good hemlock timber in Clatsop county, and the actions of the council will build up a market for it and benefit the owners of timber lands, the mill companies and the loggers.

In granting a franchise to W. W. Whipple and J. R. Clinton for the construction of a gas plant, also electric light and telephone system, the common council has protected the city and established rates that will be appreciated by the public. It is to be hoped that the plants will be constructed and the prices for electric lights and power reduced, which no doubt will be done, if Whipple and Clinton mean business, and we have no reason to believe that they do not. The ordinances were amended and passed along the lines suggested by the Astorian and both the common council and the promoters appear to be satisfied. The common council pursued a dignified and business-like course in passing the franchises, and if constructed, will bring nearly \$200,000 of outside capital to Astoria.

## YELLOW JOURNALS.

"Confessions of a Yellow Journal," by the "editor of a prominent New York daily," in Public Opinion, is an expose of the methods of yellow journalism that shows how utterly irresponsible and conscienceless journals of that class are. The opening statement of the article is significant of yellow journalism's purposes and achievements:

"It is an easy task to wash a man's reputation through a trough of printer's ink and make it of no more worth than a cigar butt cast into the gutter. Yellow journalism is doing this every day. It has become second nature to it. The varietal whisper of scandal against a man or a woman is sufficient unto the evils of the longest columns and the blackest heads."

Then follows a long recital of instances, such as the attack on the character of Andrew H. Green after his cruel assassination; the confession that Marion F. Gurney was not the woman who fled with the preacher vagabond, Henry Austin Adams; the case of the Bechtel murder and the newspaper persecution of several innocent women; the truth about the Osler incident; the statement that the Black Hand, the Bloody Cross and other alleged murder organizations "exist as organizations only in the offices of the yellow papers," and the fakes that are imposed upon the public in the matter of newspaper illustrations. By such methods Andrew H. Green's character was besmirched; Marion F. Gurney's life was ruined; Mrs. Bechtel and her daughter were harassed, hounded, imprisoned and persecuted through long months; Dr. Osler has been put to a course of explanation that never can explain his alleged remarks, gullible Italians have been subjected to alleged Black Hand letters mailed by sensation-hunting yellow papers, and other crimes of a similar nature against morality, honesty and decency have been perpetrated.

The yellow method is contrasted with the normal and the sensible in newspaper work. Mr. Dana once said that "Whatever God Almighty permits to happen is fit to print in a newspaper," but he said it in a fit of desperation when trying to rid himself of a committee who thought he was printing things that would better go unprinted. Mr. Dana did not believe in printing things that did not happen. Reliability and responsibility were attainments he, like other reputable editors, greatly desired.

The writer of the article in Public Opinion makes it plain that his newspaper connection of the yellow journal; blasted characters, wrecked lives, imposition and miserable lies are its achievements. His own part in this villainy is frankly stated, and in comment it can be as frankly said that he should be in the penitentiary on his own confession.

## WHO OWNS THE PEARL?

A Hamburg dispatch asks whether the finder of a pearl in an oyster shell in a restaurant is entitled to it or whether it belongs to the proprietor of the indignation office. The first bench of the superior court of the home of the Hamburger steak has taken the question under consideration. The facts as told in court are that a woman beginning her dinner at a restaurant with an oyster, bit on something hard and took a piece of pearl out of her mouth. Afterward a jeweler offered the woman \$750 for the pearl, and the proprietor of the restaurant claimed the gem. The woman refused to surrender the pearl and the proprietor brought suit to recover it, averring the bones of fowls and shells by traditional custom are left by customers of a restaurant and are a source of profit to the proprietor.

The important precedent involved affects not only ancient Hamburg, but every community in the civilized world. For if the "first bench of the superior court" should decide that a restaurant proprietor is entitled to a pearl, whose coy, snug hiding place in the tooth-some bivalve's juicy flesh is disclosed, often at the expense of a tooth, by the unhappy patron of restaurants, why may not proprietors also be entitled to other and similar discoveries? If by

any chance, at the railroad eating house, one should decipher ham in the sandwich, may one eat it or must it be turned over to the man behind the greasy counter? Inversely, should one discovery, after a strenuous bite, that one has left one's \$15-gold cap on one's wisdom tooth in the lunch counter chicken breast, may one redeem it, or does it become, by right of discovery, the property of the man behind the grill?—Butte Inter-Mountain.

## OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

Epitome of Anecdotes and Incidents With Comments By a Layman.

When a man pleads the baby act to get out of paying his street assessments, the common council should take a fall out of him.

The editor of the Clatskanie Chief has added furniture and undertaking as a side line. Now, in order to stimulate business in these lines, he is offering to throw in a first class obituary notice with each coffin.

Codfish and prunes are both a short crop this season. This is no Astoria boarding house joke.

An Astoria woman has won a piano for being the most popular young lady in the city. It would be interesting to take another ballot after she has had the piano for a time.

The New York senate has voted to make "tipping" a felony and now the man who boards about town can take his choice of starving to death or going to jail.

It is at this season that a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love, and by the irony of fate it is at the same season the delicious "little green onion" puts in its first appearance.

The fashion papers say that the bustle is again coming into fashion and the women who want to keep in style will have to get a hump on herself.

A Paris judge has decided that a lawyer is entitled only to what the client wishes to give him. It is evident that the judge is not contemplating an early resumption of general practice.

Husband—If you only had the ability to cook as my mother used to, I would be happy, dear.

Wife—And if you only had the ability to make money enough to buy things to cook with as my father used to, I too, would be happy, dear.

St. Peter, to applicant—You say you were an editorial writer on an Astoria newspaper?

Applicant—Yes, sir.

St. Peter—Step into the elevator, please.

Applicant (stepping into the elevator)—How soon does it go up?

St. Peter—It don't go up. It goes down.

Her head was pillowed on his breast and looking up in a shy way, she said: "Do you know, dear George, that—"

"You mean dear James, I think," he said, interrupting and smiling fondly at her mistake.

"Why, yes, to be sure. How stupid I am. I was thinking this was Wednesday evening."

A saloon keeper was recently asked to give his definition of the word gentleman, and replied: "A gentleman is a man who enters my place of business, throws the price on the bar and invites all hands including myself to irrigate."

By formal decrees of the church authorities the Hon. Frank J. Cannon, editor of the Salt Lake Tribune, has been transformed from a XXX Mormon to a plain ex-Mormon.

## The Colonel's Waterloo.

Colonel John M. Fuller, of Honey Grove, Texas, nearly met his Waterloo, from Liver and Kidney trouble. In a recent letter, he says: "I was nearly dead, of these complaints, and, although I tried my family doctor, he did me no good; so I got a 50c bottle of your great Electric Bitters, which cured me. I consider them the best medicine on earth, and thank God who gave you the knowledge to make them." Sold and guaranteed to cure Dyspepsia, Biliousness and Kidney Disease, by Chas. Rogers, druggist, at 50c a bottle.

## GOT HIS HAIR BACK.

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Frederick Mansell, Maryland block, Butte, Montana, bought a bottle of Newbro's Herpicide, April 6, '04, and began to use it for entire baldness. The hair follicles in his scalp were not dead and in 20 days he had hair all over his head. On July 2 he writes, "and today my hair is as thick and luxuriant as any one could wish." Newbro's Herpicide works on an old principle and with a new discovery—destroy the cause and you remove the effect. Herpicide destroys the germ that causes dandruff, falling hair, and finally baldness, so that with the cause gone the effect cannot remain. Stops falling hair at once and a new growth starts. Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c. in stamps for sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich.

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